



WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Tollway, Illinois State Police, and highway workers throughout Illinois are committed to reducing crashes and fatalities by improving the safety of our state's work zones and educating the public about laws that make work zones safer; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Tollway, and Illinois State Police, while maintaining the safety of state highways, are regularly exposed to the dangers presented by work zones; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois sees an average of more than 6,000 work zone crashes a year, resulting in more than 1,500 injuries; and,

WHEREAS, preliminary data indicates 32 people were killed in Illinois work zones in 2022; and,

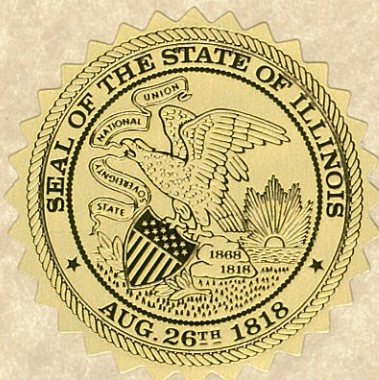
WHEREAS, the majority of people killed in work zone crashes are motorists and their passengers; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Tollway, Illinois State Police, and industry partners come together each spring to call attention to work zone safety and raise awareness by asking motorists to help improve safety by making safer choices when driving through work zones; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative aligns with the 2023 National Work Zone Awareness Week, which runs April 17-21 with the theme, "You play a role in work zone safety. Work with us," to change behavior and save lives;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 17-21 **Work Zone Safety Awareness Week** in Illinois.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this FOURTH day of APRIL, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-THREE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FIFTH.

Alexi Giannoulis
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR